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The Dying TESTIMONY and EXERCISE of WILLIAM FISHER, concerning the Payment of TYTHES.

I William Fisher of Ross, in the County of Hereford, being weak in Body, but of a right understanding in Mind; having been forely Afflicted in my Mind and Conscience, since my late, and present Weakness, in my consenting to my Son's paying of my Tythes for me; which hath been such a Terror to me, and has wounded my Conscience so; that the Lords Judgments hath followed me, that I could not take my natural Rest; which hath caused me to give out this Paper, as an acknowledgement of my Condemnation for so doing; I desiring all others who profess the Lord's everlasting Truth, may take Warning by me, in this my known Transgression, and to bear their Testimonies more Faithfully for the Lord, against the grand Oppression of Tythes; that so they may be more easie, and of a more composed and retired Mind, upon a Dying-Bed, then I have been, since the Terrors of the Lord have followed me, in giving way to that delusion; the which, if it were to do again, I would not Pay it for all the World; I desiring, and often supplicating the Lord (in this time of my weakness, and before) to forgive me for this my great Transgression, in Paying of Tythes; and I desire the Prayers to the Lord, of all my true and honest-hearted Friends and Brethren, that he would be pleased in Mercy to pass by, and forgive me for this my Sin and Transgression, that so I may obtain true Peace with the Lord my Saviour: And now having great satisfaction, in publishing what is before written, do Subscribe my Name to this, the 8th day of the 1st Month, 170⁸.

By me *William Fisher.*

Witnesses at the Subscribing hereof:

*Joseph Cowles,
Jonah Cator,
William Grindoll.*

William Fisher, departed this Life the 15th day of the 1st Month, 170⁸.

P O S T S C R I P T.

TH E abovesaid William Fisher, was Convinced, and Received Truth in the early breakings forth thereof in this County, in much Love and Tenderneſs; and for it suffer'd long Imprisonment, unto Sentence of Banishment: He was a sober Man, of blameless Conversation, and just in Dealing. Yet, Notwithstanding, fell into this weakness, of not bearing a faithful and constant Testimony against the payment of Tythes, the which he lamenting and bewailing, did, in the time of his Illness give forth the above Testimony, as appeared, from Convictions of Truth in his own Conscience, not from the influence of any Friend, or other Person whatsoever, according as is testified from the Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Bromyard, for the County of Hereford, the 28th of the 1st Month, 1710.

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